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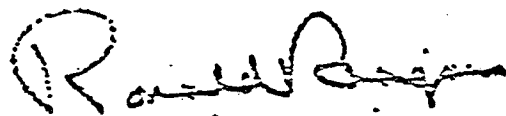
December 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE EUGENE V. ROSTOW
The Director, Arms Control and
Disarmament Agency

SUBJECT: Middle East Nuclear Weapon Free Zone and
Other Middle East Arms Control Issues

I have considered your views on the above subjects, as forwarded by your memoranda of November 9 and 5 respectively. I have decided that a review of policy issues involved in United States approaches to arms transfer, arms control, non-proliferation and related matters in the Middle East should be prepared for future NSC deliberation. This review should be prepared by the Department of State in conjunction with the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and coordinated with other responsible agencies and the NSC staff. Pending the outcome of this review, the United States should refrain from linking Israeli adherence to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (or the equivalent such as a Middle East Nuclear Weapon Free Zone) to Middle East peace.



cc: The Vice President
The Secretary of Defense
Counsellor to the President
The Director of Central Intelligence
Chief of Staff to the President
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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